

Remarks

Claims 1-2, 4-5, and 21-22 stand rejected. Claims 3, 6-20, and 23-25 have been determined to be allowable by the Examiner if rewritten as required.

In light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request entry of this reply and reconsideration and allowance of claims 3, 6-20, and 23-25 under 37 CFR 1.111.

Objection to the Drawings.

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a), alleging that a “separate container containing an inflating medium” stated in claim 5 is not shown in the drawings.

In response, claim 5 has been canceled above and therefore this objection is now moot.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112.

The Examiner rejected independent claim 1, and consequently dependent claims 2-25, under 35 U.S.C. §112 as allegedly being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner stated that there is no antecedent basis in claim 1 for limitations of “the irrigat[ing] fluid” and “the user”.

In response, claim 1 has been canceled and claim 3 has been amended accordingly, above, by replacing “fluid” with -- liquid --; and Applicants note that “a user” was in fact initially stated in claim 1 which thereby provided antecedent basis for its later reference to “the user”.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 4-5, and 21-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. Applic. Pub. No. 2003/0073963 of Falconer.

In response, Applicants traverse this rejection. However, and notwithstanding this traversal, Applicants have herein canceled the rejected claims to expediently obtain a patent grant on the allowable claims.

Therefore, these rejections are now moot.

Allowable Subject Matter.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's decision that claims 3, 6-20, and 23-25, rewritten as required herein, are patentable over the prior art of record.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that claims 3, 6-20, and 23-25 are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.


Accompanying this reply is a separate Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) document. A required fee thereon will be paid via the EFS-Web system upon submission hereof. Also, a fee for four additional independent claims in excess of three - of seven total independent claims - will also be paid via the EFS-Web system.

A Revocation of Power of Attorney with New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address form will be submitted separately, to effect a change of counsel in this matter to the undersigned attorney and customer number.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned counsel if such would further prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,
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